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STRENGTH OF RESEARCH OFFICERS IN D.R.D.O.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major projects carried out by the DRDO to enhance our Defence potential and the funds allocated for the same during the last three years;

(b) whether the strength of Research Officers in the DRDO is adequate;

(c) if so, the statistical details of the various cadres of Research Officers in DRDO as on date; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The major projects progressed during the last three years are light combat aircraft (LCA) and its engine Kaveri, integrated guided missile development programme (IGMDP), EW system Samyukta for the Army, EW system Tempest for the Air Force, EW system Sangraha for the Navy, battle field information system Samwahak, remotely piloted aircraft Nishant, multibarrel rocket system Pinaka and composite sonar system Panchendriya. Rs. 1118 crore have been allocated for these projects during this period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The two cadres of DRDO are Defence Research & Development Service (DRDS) having a strength of 6547 Scientists/Engineers and Defence Research Technical Cadre (DRTC) having a strength of 13524.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b).